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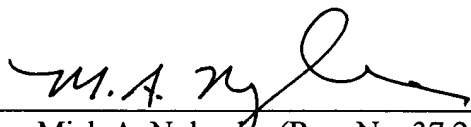
Applicant has elected Species I which corresponds to Figures 4A, 4B, 5A and 5B and which further correspond to claims 1, 4, 8 and 11 to be examined. Applicant has withdrawn claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 12 and 13 without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1, 4, 8 and 11 remain in the application.

Applicant also has petitioned and requested for a one-month extension of time to file this answer to the office action dated July 30, 2003. Please charge the appropriate one-month extension fee to deposit account no. 07-1360.

If the Applicant may be of any further assistance or provide any further information in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (248) 377-1290.

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